

general verdict of antiquity, however, was almost unanimous in ascribing the death of Anus to the anger of an offended Deity. It is a view which still finds adherents. Cardinal Newman, for example, declares:

" Under the circumstances a thoughtful mind cannot but account this as one of those remarkable interpositions of power by which Divine Providence urges on the consciences of men in the natural course of things, what their reason from the first acknowledges, thai He is not indifferent to human conduct. To say that these do not fall within the ordinary course of His governance *h* merely to say that they are judgments, which in the common meaning of the word stand for events extraordinary and unexpected/\*

But that is a matter which need not be discussed here\* What *h* more Important to our purpose *h* to point out that the death of Arius does not MHWI to have affected the state of religious parties at Constantinople. It did not shake the position of Kttsc\* bins of Nicomedia, who continued to enjoy the confidence of the Emperor and to act as the keeper of his conscience.

